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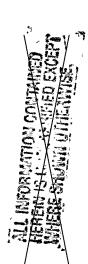
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ON JULY 15, 1976, BRIGADIER GENERAL ALBANO EDUARDO
HARGUINDEGUY, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, ADVISED THAT RECENTLY
DEVELOPED INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THAT THE ERP GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION
SOMETIME DURING 1973 OBTAINED 5,000 INCENDIARY BOMBS FROM
GERMANY. THE MINISTER INDICATED THAT THE TYPE OF INCENDIARY
BOMB PURCHASED BY THE ERP WAS A TUBULAR DEVICE APPROXIMATELY
EIGHTEEN INCHES LONG WITH A SELF-CONTAINED TIMING DEVICE. THE
MINISTER REPORTED THAT THE INCENDIARY BOMB PRODUCES AN EXTREMELY
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QUESTION HAS A SAFE LIFE OF TWO YEARS UNDER IDEAL STORAGE
CONDITIONS, AND THAT THE ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES BELIEVE
THAT THE INCENDIARY DEVICES, OWING TO THE FACT THAT THEY ARE
OVER THREE YEARS OLD AND UNDOUBTEDLY STORED IN LESS THAN DESIROUS
CONDITIONS, HAVE LOST THEIR EFFECTIVENESS.

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On 7/15/76, Brigadier General ALBANO EDUARDO HARGUINDEGUY, Minister of the Interior, provided the following information to the Ambassador and me in the strictest of confidence:

Argentine security forces have scored considerable successes against the Argentine terrorist organization, The Peoples Revolutionary Army (ERP). Argentine security services have developed information judged to be reliable that the ERP and the Montonero guerrilla organizations will join forces and will announce their merger in a public manifesto, which will be issued on August 22, 1976, the anniversary date of the socalled Trelew incident, during which several Argentine terrorists were killed by Argentine security forces during an escape attempt from an Argentine military detention center. The reason for the merger is that the ERP has been severely crippled during the past three months by Argentine security forces.

Argentine security forces believe that ERP leader, MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, is in Buenos Aires, as well as Montonero leader, MARIO EDUARDO FIRMENICH.

Recently developed intelligence indicates that the ERP guerrilla organization sometime during 1973 obtained 5,000 incendiary bombs from Germany. The Minister indicated that the type of incendiary bomb purchased by the ERP was a tubular device approximately eighteen inches long with a self-contained timing device. The Minister Inoted, (*) however, that inquiries by the Argentine military established that the particular incendiary device in question has a safe life of two years

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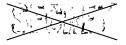
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under ideal storage conditions, and that the Argentine intolligence services believe that the incendiary devices, owing to the fact that they are over three years old and undoubtedly stored in less than desirous conditions, have lost their effectiveness.

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COLLECTION OF INFORMATION BY ERP REGARDING MILGRP

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Attached for each recipient is a copy of an ERP document captioned "Datos Operativos" dated 5/30/76 concerning U. S. Milgrp personnel. This ERP document was picked up by the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) on 7/28/76 in a raid against the residence of an ERP The attached ERP document was made available by a ranking SIE official on \$/2/76. It is noted that the document was to be furnished to the Junta Coordinadora and had been prepared by the ERP Unidad J. S. Manccini, and its author was an ERP member with the code name "Sergeant DIANA." The attached ERP document contains the name, title. residence address and telephone number of past and present U. S. Milgrp personnel both American and Argentine. to the names of five Argentine Milgro employees there is an "X" marked in red ballpoint pen. The source was unable to provide any information with regard to the significance of the red ballpoint "X's" but speculated that these marks might indicate that the individuals may have been under surveillance or may be unwitting contacts of the ERP. source noted that the data contained in the attached ERP document probably was secured ... at a Milgro office either in the U. S. Embassy or one of the Argentine Government buildings. It is presumed that the information regarding U.S. Milgrp personnel contained therein may have been secured by an Argentine Army conscript or infiltrator in the military. this be the case, the source speculated that the "X's" in red ballpoint ink next to the names in the attached document might indicate that the source of the information may personally be acquainted with the individuals signaled out by the red ballpoint "X" next to their names. ALL INSORTION CONTAINED EVEPT

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Source noted that the ERP militant in whose possession the attached document was found was severely wounded during the SIE raid and died during the afternoon of \$/2/76. Source noted, however, that the ERP member indicated that Lieutenant Colonel ILOYD GRACEY had been signaled out by the ERP for assassination and that more specific data had passed through this ERP member's hands concerning Colonel GRACEY several weeks ago.

Source advised that the SIE had conducted no investigation with regard to the attached document and was leaving the entire matter for the U.S. Embassy to evaluate. The original of the attached document was made available to me by the SIE and will be retained in my office for future reference.

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ASUNTO: Documentación encontrada en un procedimiento antisubversivo.-

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El documento que se adjunta fué en contrado - entre gran variefad de papeles - en un local allanado por Fuer zan de Segaridud y que pertencefa a un militante del autotitulado ERP.-

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ON AUGUST 2, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

ON JULY 28, 1976, UNITS OF THE AAIS RAIDED THE RESIDENCE OF A RECENTLY IDENTIFIED MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). THE ERP RAIDING PARTY SEVERELY WOUNDED AN ERP MEMBER AND RECOVERED A VOLUME OF IMPORTANT ERP DOCUMENTS. ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS RECOVERED (THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS PROVIDED BY THE SOURCE) WAS A DOCUMENT DATED MAY 30, 1976, CAPTIONED, "DATOS OPERATIVOS" (OPERATING DATA). THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS THE NAME, TITLE,

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BUE 109-2; 109-103 PAGE TWO SECRET RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CURRENT AND FORMER U. S. AND ARGENTINE MEMBERS OF THE U. S. MILITARY GROUP IN ARGENTINA. A NOTATION ON THIS DOCUMENT INDICATES THAT IT HAD BEEN PREPARED BY THE ERP J. S. MANCCINI CELL AND ITS AUTHOR WAS AN ERP MEMBER KNOWN BY THE CODE NAME OF "SERGEANT DIANA." THE DOCUMENT WAS TO HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THE JUNTA COORDINADORA (COORDINATING/JUNTA).

THE WOUNDED ERP MEMBER IN WHOSE COSSESSION THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED DOCUMENT WAS FOUND, DIED OF HIS WOUNDS ON AUGUST 2, 1976. HOWEVER, BEFORE HE DIED THIS ERP MEMBER ADVISED THAT SEVERAL WEEKS PREVIOUSLY HE HAD SEEN INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE ERP INTENDED TO ASSASSINATE LT. COL. LLOYD GRACEY OF THE U. S. MILITARY GROUP IN ARGENTINA. IT IS NOTED THAT LT. COL. GRACEY/DEPARTED ARGENTINA PERMANENTLY FOR THE UNITED STATES

IT IS NOTED THAT IN THE RECOVERED ERP DOCUMENT, FIVE ARGENTINE EMPLOYEES OF THE U. S. MILITARY GROUP IN ARGENTINA HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH A RED BALLPOINT PEN K NEXT TO THEIR NAMES IN THE DOCUMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THESE MARKINGS IS UNKNOWN

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THE JUNTA COORDINADORA WAS ORGANIZED BY THE ERP AND IN ADDITION TO THE ERP, ITS MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELN FROM BOLIVIA), THE MLN-TUPAMAROS FROM URUGUAY, AND THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR FROM CHILE).

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Reference by memorandum dated 3/3/76.

intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following informa-

The individual the is in presention of the documentation and information regarding MP interest documentation and information regarding EMP interest in the U. S. Military Group, Dusmos Aires, was to have delivered these documents to (first name uninform) MERBILANA, a member of the Entional Sursess of the EMP. MERBILANA, currently is a fugitive: herever, combined Susmos Aires Provincial Police and SIR maits narrowly misses apprehending his last week in Busnes Aires Province.

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